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## Take time to tell the Air Force story...your story

This holiday season while spending time with family and friends, many of you will be asked about what you do in the Air Force. Many people outside of the military don't know about your role in serving the nation. This is a great opportunity for you to share your stories, experience and give a first-hand account of our mission.

It's important to have the support of friends and family while serving in the military. They're the ones who send us care packages for morale and it's their taxes that pay our way. More than that though, people want to know that you and your Air Force are making a positive difference in the world...so tell them.

Of course, always keep in mind operational security and never give out classified or sensitive information. Otherwise, feel free to talk about what you've accomplished, as well as the goals of the Air Force and our role as part of our national defense strategy.

Here are some easy-to-remember points that can be expanded on when talking to friends and family:

- The Air Force remains committed to its top three priorities; fighting and winning the war on terrorism, developing and taking care of Airmen, and recapitalization and modernization of aging aircraft and equipment.
- Airmen are deployed worldwide more than ever to fight and provide air power in support of coalition forces whether it's in South and Central America, the Pacific, or in the Middle East
- The Air Force has been at war and consistently deployed for 17 years from Operation Desert Storm to maintaining Iraqi no-fly zones in the 90s to today's Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom
- When disaster strikes anywhere in the world, the Air Force is always prepared to bring relief and provide humanitarian aid - whether it is in relief support for hurricanes in Honduras, earthquakes in Asia or assisting in fighting the California wildfires
- Airmen are a major part of the rebuilding efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, where provincial reconstruction teams help construct schools, bridges, wells. In addition, Airmen actively train and mentor Afghan and Iraqi service members and police forces in helping them transition to provide security for their respective countries
- More than anything, people want to hear your stories - what you did while you were deployed, missions in which you've participated and the important role you have in the Air Force's day-to-day operations.

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